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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Tuberculosis—Appropriation for Antituberculosis Society. (Act 2247, Feb. 11, 1913.)

On February 11, 1913, the Philippine Legislature appropriated 50,000 pesos "for the campaign for the extermination of tuberculosis by the Philippine Islands Anti-tuberculosis Society."

Drugs—Dentists Authorized to Prescribe Certain. (Act 2205, Jan. 16, 1913.)

SECTION 1. Duly registered dentists are hereby granted the right granted by act No. 1761 to physicians, to prescribe and administer opium, cocaine, alpha or beta eucaïne, or any derivative or preparation of said drugs or substances as a medicine for dental purposes, subject to the regulations prescribed by the collector of internal revenue and approved by the secretary of finance and justice.

Sanitary Districts—Establishment and Support of. (Act 2232, Feb. 8, 1913.)

SECTION 1. Sections 1 and 6 of act No. 2156, entitled "An act authorizing the consolidation of municipalities into sanitary divisions and the reorganization of the municipal boards of health created by act No. 308, defining their powers and duties, and providing for each Province a special fund to be known as 'health funds,' for this and other purposes,"¹ are hereby amended, so that said sections shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Provincial boards are hereby authorized, for the purposes of health administration, to divide their Provinces into sanitary divisions, which may comprise one or more municipalities, but not more than four, and these divisions shall become effective in a Province whenever their organization has been agreed to by at least a majority of the municipal councils concerned: *Provided*, That to dissolve such sanitary division the vote of a majority of the municipalities concerned shall be necessary. Any group of municipalities joined to constitute a sanitary division may have a divisional board of health organized in accordance with the provisions of act No. 308 relative to the organization of municipal boards of health.

"There shall be for each division a president, who shall be appointed by the director of health from among the persons proposed by the municipal councils concerned and recommended by the provincial board. The powers, duties, and remuneration of such president shall be fixed in the manner hereinafter provided. The president of a sanitary division shall be a duly qualified physician and shall fulfill his duties under the immediate supervision of the district health officer: *Provided*, That in emergency conditions, of the existence of which the director of health shall judge, persons with qualifications satisfying the director of health may be appointed to act temporarily as presidents of municipal sanitary divisions.

"SEC. 6. Each municipality shall set aside each year an amount not less than 5 per centum nor more than 10 per centum from its general funds and each provincial

¹ This act was published in the Public Health Reports Apr. 18, 1913, pp. 753-756.